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## New cameras in hallways boost security for students

Cheyenne Chontos  
Faith Editor

The O'Gorman campus has been sporting new and improved security these last few months. Overall 16 cameras were installed by the end of March, all with the goal in mind to keep students and their belongings safe.

"Our number one goal is to monitor and provide a safe environment for the students and staff," said O'Gorman principal, Kyle Groos. "With the school growing, we want to continue to cover all the angles."

O'Gorman received the money for the new cameras from a Homeland Security grant. The school had to apply and state their goals regarding security and the cameras to receive the funding from the grant.

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CHEYENNE CHONTOS / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Erin Vogel prepares costumes for the upcoming musical: *Shrek*. O'Gorman costumers are responsible for outfitting all of the characters in the play. For the full story on the O'Gorman costumers, see page 8.

## Lorang set to retire; SFCS hires new president

Kayler Nelson  
Editor-in-Chief

After 36 years of service to the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools, Superintendent Dr. Tom Lorang has decided that now is the time to step down and pass the torch.

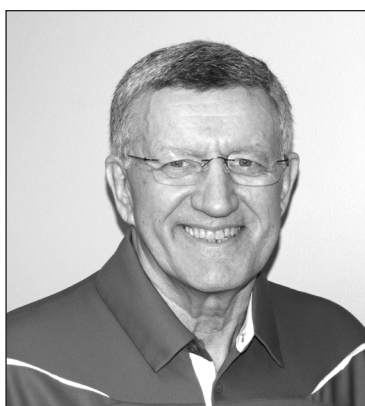
During his time here, Lorang was principal of O'Gorman High School for 13 years and then moved on to become the superintendent of SFCS for an addition 23 years.

Before Lorang was present in the school system, O'Gorman High School offered no AP or comprehensive courses and was experiencing significantly lower ACT score than today.

Along with revamping the high school, Lorang has also added four new Catholic elementary schools to the system.

As superintendent, Lorang has also gotten to experience the vast involvement of lay people in the school system. "Lay people got involved, believed, and built the mission we affirm today," said Lorang.

Being involved with Sioux Falls Catholic Schools for 36 years, Lorang said that there's not one memory which is his favorite but rather the experience as a whole. "To have been such a significant part of Catholic edu-



Dr. Tom Lorang

cation is incredible," said Lorang.

After his retirement, Lorang has a vision for the Sioux Falls Catholic School System: "My hopes would be that Catholic schools would be made available for more students in the area," said Lorang. "We want to continue to bring students a better education and closer to Christ."

Although Lorang said that there's never a time he wants to leave his position as superintendent, he said that he'll always remain a good and true fan of the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

"The time is right for me to step down," said Lorang. "There is never a time I want it, but we have the right person coming in."

That 'right person' is Mr. Robert R. Wehde. "[Wehde] has great experience and understands Catholic education," said



Mr. Robert R. Wehde

Lorang. "He has real wisdom."

Lorang also believes that Wehde's strengths highlight his ability of working with people.

Lorang said that Wehde is a good fit for Sioux Falls Catholic Schools because the school system prides itself on the strength of involvement and communication in the community.

Wehde has 26 years of experience behind Catholic Education. He has been the principal of K-12 schools across the country in states including Washington, North Carolina and Indiana.

Wehde has been the principal of Bishop Kelly High School, a Catholic high school in Idaho, for the last 10 years.

After receiving a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Physical Education from North West Missouri State University, We-

hde continued on to Idaho State University where he received his Master's degree in Administration before finally receiving an Education Specialist degree from the University of Idaho.

"My specialty is strategic planning and leadership in schools," said Wehde. "We need to be mission centered and student driven."

Wehde believes a school is only as strong as its students. "Every aspect of our school needs to be centered on our students," said Wehde. "I'm inspired by students. They lift me up every single day."

Motivated by his love for God and Catholic education, Wehde said that his goal is to continue to grow in the excellence already set forth by Dr. Lorang.

"[Lorang] is a visionary leader. He is really the architect and what he has designed is truly inspirational," said Wehde. "We owe him significant amounts of gratitude for his leadership."

Continuing to teach gospel values and providing an environment where students and staff can grow in mind and body are just a few ways Wehde plans on spending his time at the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

"It's an incredible school system," said Wehde. "How well

SFCS is functioning is absolutely exemplary."

Wehde believes that the future is bright for the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools. "With my nature and expertise in leadership and planning we can collectively envision our future," said Wehde. "We have enough intellect and drive to secure ourselves a great future."

Outside of school Wehde focuses his life on his wife and two daughters. Wehde's wife is a special education teacher and they frequently go on walks together.

Wehde also enjoys other hobbies: "I love fly fishing, golf, preforming arts and sporting events," said Wehde. He enjoys leadership and class room books along with the author John Grisham. "I like to spend my time pushing myself intellectually and spiritually."

To help push himself spiritually Wehde said that he enjoys volunteering, having an active prayer life and volunteering.

With experience and strengths that greatly parallel the mission of Sioux Falls Catholic Schools, Wehde will fit right into the community.

"The Sioux Falls Catholic Schools are strong," said Lorang. "And they'll only get stronger from here."



# Crowded field pursues open senate seat

Ben Rogers  
Sports Co-Editor

The 2014 senate midterms are coming up and South Dakota is a key state where Republicans are looking to gain a seat and the Democrats will be hoping to retain it.

With Senator Tim Johnson deciding to retire after 29 years in U.S. Congress, a new seat has opened and with it a plethora of candidates who believe they have what it takes to voice the concerns of the South Dakota people to the country's lawmakers.

The most recognizable name for South Dakotans of the prospects is former Governor Mike Rounds who will hope to use his past success and popularity among Dakotans to push him to Washington.

In his inaugural speech Rounds said about a government's responsibility to its citizens: "We protect those who cannot protect themselves – the very young, the very old. We protect society from those who would do us harm, and we provide quality education for our children."

One man hoping to jump past Rounds is former U.S. Marine and state representative from district 19, Stace Nelson, who will look to bring a true conservative voice to the race who is not afraid

to voice his opinion on religion or hot topic issues,

"I am not a career politician and I am the only true conservative running in the race," said Nelson. "I have proved that I will give up to and including my life to protect you and your families' rights."

Nelson will also look to bring a Christian valued candidate to the race. "Being a Christian is more than just words," said Nelson. "It is also the actions of trying your best to live a Godly life as given us by the examples of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am a Christian-conservative-Republican, in every sense of those words."

Nelson will look to bring the same approach he had in the South Dakota legislature to Washington in hopes of helping the future generation.

"I will continue fighting tirelessly, as I have done in the SD Legislature, to reduce the size of our federal government," said Nelson. "To cut federal spending, reject any tax increase efforts, and secure a future for you free of the \$17 Trillion that moderate Republicans and Democrats have placed on your backs."

Larry Pressler, the third candidate and only one with experience being a U.S Senator, will be running as an independent after being a three term Republican

U.S. senator from 1979 to 1997 when Tim Johnson overtook his seat, and before that he was a U.S representative from 1975 to 1979.

"I want to bring an honest leadership to Washington," said Pressler.

Former aide to Tom Daschle, Rick Weiland, who was appointed by Bill Clinton to be the Region VIII Director of FEMA which oversees South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota and Montana, is running as a Democrat whose first bill proposal will be to limit the raising and spending of money with respect to federal elections.

The only candidate with no prior background in public service is Dr. Annette Bosworth who serves her community at her own private medical practice in Sioux Falls.

The number one priority for her is the repeal of Obamacare. "As a frontline Doctor, I know first-hand why Obamacare is a train wreck," said Bosworth. "And that big government intrusion between the doctor-patient relationships will destroy our healthcare system."

"As a constituent, I am looking for someone who can effectively represent my position at the Capitol," said senior Catie Dougherty. "I look for someone who is trustworthy and honest."



Dr. Annette Bosworth (R)



Gov. Mike Rounds (R)



Rick Weiland (D)



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## Holiday honors ultimate sacrifice

Myla Brown  
Activities Editor

There is a lot of confusion regarding what Easter Sunday is all about. For some, Easter Sunday is about the Easter Bunny, colorfully decorated Easter eggs, and Easter egg hunts.

"I love getting candy at Easter, but for me Easter is about the celebration of Jesus rising from the dead," said senior Joseph Vaska.

Easter, the greatest feast in the Christian calendar, celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday falls on April 20, 2014.

"I celebrate Easter by having all of my family come over and my mom cooks for everyone while I help my little cousins hunt for Easter eggs," said junior Meredith Turner.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, Sunday. Christians celebrate Easter for the purpose of having a memorial to remember the Resurrection of Jesus. Easter serves as a reminder for all that the Lord has done for all mankind.

It is typically the well-attended Sunday service of the year for Christian churches.

"I go to my great uncle's house along with all of my family and relatives, and there is a giant egg hunt at his house," said junior Courtney Miller.

Jesus was resurrected three days after his death on the cross. As part of the Easter season, the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, which is always held the Friday just before Easter.

Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him eternal life in Christ Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven.

This holiday is one of the holiest days of the year for Christians. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, who was crucified on the previous Friday that we call Good Friday.

It is important because Christ demonstrated that a life after death does await us and is the conclusive proof that he is God.

## Retreat refocuses school

Kayler Nelson  
Editor-in-Chief

On April 24 O'Gorman faculty and students of all grade levels have the opportunity to participate in something that sets O'Gorman apart from all other schools.

The all school retreat is a chance for O'Gorman to help the community and strengthen their faith. "The retreat day should provide everyone a day free from the normal stress of school and focused on deepening our awareness and love for Christ," said O'Gorman campus minister Jonathan Konz.

The retreat is focused differently for each grade level. Freshmen stay at the high school and shift their focus to their relationship with God, themselves and others. "During this time, they do some reflection and create spiritual goals for their time at O'Gorman," said Konz.

The sophomore retreat takes a different approach and dedicates their day to service of the schools and parishes in town. "The sophomores will be completing a combined 560 hours of Christian service throughout the community," said Konz. "But that's just one of the visible impacts."

Juniors this year welcome a



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O'Gorman theology teacher Michelle Shields presents at the school's annual all school retreat. This year's retreat will be held on April 24.

change of venue, as the retreat will be at the Cathedral this year. Junior girls and boys split up and focus their day on how they are called to be sons and daughters of God. The junior retreat will also be centered on friendships and relationships.

The senior class, however, keeps their focus on how to keep the faith strong after their time at O'Gorman.

Each retreat is led by a member of the theology department and has an opportunity for Mass. "If one person can change

the world, just imagine what 800 can do," said Konz. "We'll probably never know all of the ways that the OG Retreat day will benefit the community as a whole, but I do believe that April 24 will be a spiritually charged day for Sioux Falls."

## Students given learning opportunities as speakers enlighten on awareness day

Carolyn Frederick  
Entertainment Co-Editor

On April 17 the students are given the opportunity to listen to different speakers relating to a variety of different topics.

This day is usually popular among the students for a lot of reasons.

"It's different than a regular schedule. Students have the option to go to sessions that interest them, and it gives them flexibility and they are hearing issues that are relevant to the," said Donna Carlson.

This year for the keynote speaker it will be Derek Johnson, an Aberdeen native that sustained an injury in a football game that changed his life.

Another one of the sessions is on human trafficking, with Will Davis. He is a returning speaker to O'Gorman that has a story that has touched many in the past.

There will be many other speakers that day as well. Some will be returning members and some will be new like the keynote.

Sophomores have their first session with the JA Ethics in business presentation and have the last two sessions of their choice, and juniors and seniors have the

amazing things that can happen to ordinary people," said senior Monica Schnetter.

It has also become a tradition for any senior that is the age of 18 to attend a tour of the South Dakota state penitentiary.

"It shows them what will happen if they break the law," said former Deputy Warden, Daryl Slykhuis. "It could also become a career path for some if they want to work in the criminal justice area."

Along with opening students eyes about what their future might hold it also teaches valuable lessons about self-respect and relationships

"The goal of awareness day is for everyone to walk away with a better understanding and awareness of an issue so they can make informed choices to better their life and the lives they touch," said Carlson.

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"Last year, I really enjoyed all the speakers but the one I most enjoyed was the keynote from last year, Mike Donahue because I felt like his talk directly spoke to me," said senior Max Boyum.

The amount of freedom you have to choose your own sessions also depends on the grade you are in.

"Freshman have all their sessions planned out for them.

most flexibility being able to pick three breakout sessions of their choice," said Carlson.

There has been many good experiences throughout the years with having awareness day.

"Being able to have the opportunity to experience all the different speakers I have had throughout the years has really opened my eyes to some of the



## Library offers new incentives

Cheyenne Chontos  
Faith Editor

Throughout the 2013-2014 school year the O’Gorman library has seen an increase in activity due in no small part to the new contests and incentives offered by the school librarian, Mary Johnson.

Johnson is new this year to the O’Gorman community and has implemented several novel programs and activities to the library.

“My goal is to try to make students aware of what the library has to offer,” said Johnson. “I think the programs have been really successful so far. I’ve seen a lot of people in the library this year.”

Johnson said she gets her ideas from various websites including Pinterest and school library sites. She also gets some ideas from other libraries across the state and from the library’s Teen Advisory Board.

The Teen Advisory Board is new this year and consists of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. The Board was created to add student insight to the library.

“We have brainstormed a lot of ideas to help encourage the students to read,” said junior board member Madeline Loger.

“We all get a chance to express our different ideas, and then we get to discuss them with each other.”

“When I was a freshman there wasn’t a Team Advisory Board



CHEYENNE CHONTOS/KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Lauren Weber checks out a library book. The library has recently been updated, and many new contests and activities have been added.

and my book ideas were not heard,” said board member and senior Victoria Madigan.

“Everybody on the board has great input,” said Johnson. “The group is made up of people that have a vision for the library. I love working with students this age.”

In addition to the activities Johnson has added there are also a number of new books and graphic novels that students and staff are excited to see.

From John Green’s *The Fault in Our Stars*, Veronica Roth’s *Divergent* series and Cassandra Clare’s

*Infernal Devices* series to plenty of new nonfiction works, there is something for everyone.

“I am looking forward to reading all of the new books,” said Loger. “There are more popular books and series [that are] available now.”

“There are new books that are interesting,” said Madigan. “I’m excited to look into them.”

The library’s changes have not gone unnoticed.

“There has been a nice change to the library this year compared to the past,” said Madigan.

“The library seems to be a brighter place,” said Loger. “More people are going to the library for books or to study than before. It’s no longer just a shortcut between the G and K wings. I feel like [the contests] have been successful in introducing more students to the library.”

April is National School Library Month and the library will feature activities to celebrate. All students are encouraged to use the library and participate in the contests and activities that are offered.

## Old tradition given new life as Spring Fling takes stage

Tommy Entwistle  
Sports Co-Editor

This year O’Gorman High School revived the tradition of Spring Fling week which consisted of a volleyball tournament, show choir performance, movie night and the first variety show to be held in the PAC.

This year the student council organized all of the festivities during Spring Fling week and members hope the tradition continues for students to keep enjoying.

“We worked hard to help make a fun week to add some excitement for the end of the year,” said Spring Fling organizer Kylie Lamberty. “This week will hopefully be something that students can look forward to each year.”

On March 24 the O’Gorman gym played host to the annual Slam-a-thon volleyball tournament and eight teams battled it out for O’Gorman volleyball supremacy.

“The tournament is always a great time to compete with and against your friends,” said senior Jaden Holzer. “It’s really fun to compete against the volleyball players and see how good they really are up close.”

On March 25 the O’Gorman show choir performed in front of a large crowd in the Performing Arts Center. And the movie at the PAC was the next night and the seats were filled with students eager to see the latest animated hit, *Frozen*.

On Friday, March 28 the first ever variety show in the PAC included many different singing and dancing acts.

“Performing in the PAC in front of all my friends was a great experience and was a fun ending to a great week,” said senior Lauren Witte.

## Band director to leave at end of year

Jef Thormodsgard  
Staff Writer

At the end of this year, O’Gorman band director, Dr. Duane Niles will be resigning.

He was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in November at Rochester. The disease attacks the joints and makes basic activities like walking painful.

“After being diagnosed, I felt that I wouldn’t have the energy to work the long hours I needed to during marching band in the fall or pep band in the spring,” said Niles. “The part I’ll miss the most is working with students and the family-like atmosphere.”

Family has been instrumental to Niles’ career ever since he was five years old, performing in his grandfather’s dance band as early as the age of eight.

“Music has run through my blood ever since I was young,” said Niles. “My grandfather di-

rected a dance band which my father and I played in.”

Seniors in band are glad they had Niles their entire high school career.

“Niles has always gone the extra mile to help me follow my passion for music,” said senior Adam Pflaum. “He would even spend his own lunch time helping me with music theory or our music in band.”

Niles’ influence goes beyond just the seniors; it extends to the freshmen too.

“Not only was Dr. Niles a great teacher, he was a positive influence and always easy to talk to,” said freshman Luke Tiensvold.

“His sense of humor and ability to lead the band work together well,” said freshman Will Beringer. “His passion for teaching music and working with students, even in early mornings for marching band or jazz band, al-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dr. Duane Niles directs Jazz I at Augustana college. He will be leaving at the end of the spring semester.

ways shows.”

Niles said he hopes to pass down his passion for music and working with students.

“When I first got here, students took it upon themselves to build the band into what it is today,” said Niles. “I hope progress

keeps building. The students here have the drive to make that happen.”

Niles said he plans to stay in the area and looks forward to seeing the O’Gorman band succeed in the years to come.

### Upcoming Events

April 9 - Band @ Brandon

April 9 - Choir @ Brandon

April 22, 24-26 - Musical

May 1 - Choir Booster Meeting

May 8 - Choir Awards Dinner

May 12 - Spring Band Concert

May 13 - Band Festival

May 18 - Graduation



## NHS impacts school, community through academic achievement

Kayler Nelson  
Editor-in-Chief

Each year eligible O'Gorman High School juniors and seniors have the opportunity to be inducted into National Honor Society (NHS).

"[National Honor Society] is an organization that recognizes students for their outstanding achievements in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service," said O'Gorman's National Honor Society adviser, Julie Benson.

This organization's areas of achievement also go hand-in-hand with requirements that must be met before acceptance into the society.

The selection requirements for each building block are a minimum 3.6 GPA on a 4.0 scale, outstanding leadership qualities, an honest and virtuous character and completion of 10 hours of community service.

Even with the numerous re-

quirements intact, nearly 40-50 percent of O'Gorman's junior and senior classes have been accepted into NHS.

**"The connections students make while doing service and being out in the community results in great networking that can benefit them in job searching or other leadership opportunities."**

- Julie Benson

National Honor Society proves beneficial not only for the community in the area of service but by also providing students of role-model material.

"Having 40-50 percent of our

junior and senior classes as a member of NHS, those students have a positive influence on their classmates as well as being excellent role models for younger kids," said Benson.

National Honor Society is also beneficial for students individually. There are specific scholarships awarded by NHS that students can apply for, and students also have the opportunity to add NHS on a resume for perspective employers and college admission representatives to view.

"The connections students make while doing service and being out in the community results in great networking that can benefit them in job searching or other leadership opportunities," said Benson. "If I were a college admissions representative, I would regard anyone with NHS on their application as a student that is dedicated to bettering themselves as well as being committed to helping create a better future for others."

## Alumni to spend summer traveling cross country in ride for cancer support

Kate Brycheeva  
Entertainment Co-Editor

Aaron Tarnasky, a 2012 graduate in his sophomore year at the University of Notre Dame, will be doing something different this summer.

A suggestion from his friend led to Aaron deciding to donate his summer to cancer awareness. He will be biking 4,000 miles across the United States through the Ulman Cancer Fund.

The plan is to cover 4,500 miles in 70 days. This equals to about 50 miles a day in the beginning portion and closer to 100 miles a day at the end.

The journey goes from Baltimore, Md. to San Diego, Calif. Danny Mohama, also a 2012 graduate, is going to join Aaron for the ride.

"I was also selected to be a Leg Leader for third leg of the trip. That means I am also responsible for procuring hosts for the last 12 days," said Tarnasky.

"My team and I will be staying in churches, fire stations, YMCAs, colleges or really anywhere that will take us. There are no really definite plans set in place yet, but I am sure that sightseeing will be a large portion of the trip."

The journey itself is physically challenging but also requires a lot of inner motivation.

"I'm hoping that my team will be an excellent motivational resource and that my own personal drive will help me," said Tarnasky.

The idea behind the ride is to commemorate and honor his dad, grandpa and everyone who has felt the negative impacts of this disease.

"I expect this summer to be challenging, but also highly rewarding," said Tarnasky. "It should be an experience of a lifetime."

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Sophomore Rachel Townsend dribbles past a Rapid City Stevens defender in the first round of the South Dakota State AA Girls basketball held at Frost Arena in Brookings, S.D. The Lady Knights rolled past the Raiders 60-35.

# Lady Knights place third at state Junior Stene named to all-tournament team

Tommy Entwistle  
Sports Co-Editor

The Lady Knights finished the season with a record of 18-7 and a third place finish at the state tournament at Frost Arena in Brookings.

On March 3 in the first round of districts, the Knights routed Watertown 64-34 at O'Gorman. Junior Dalee Stene and senior Claire Howes each had 11 points. The win over the Arrows earned the Knights a matchup with Roosevelt in the District IAA championship.

On March 6 the Knights were able to top the Riders 50-43 in front of a ruckus crowd in the O'Gorman gym. Junior Jess Mieras scored 18 points in the win against the Roosevelt Rough Riders. This win was also the fourth time in five years that the Knights were able to clinch a state tournament berth with a win over Roosevelt.

"Winning a district championship game over Roosevelt is a great accomplishment but our ultimate goal is to be successful at the state tournament," said Howes. "We have been working all season for this opportunity and we plan to make the most of it and play hard."

After cruising through district play the Knights had earned the third seed in the state tournament and were set to face sixth

seeded Rapid City Stevens in the first round. Although the Knights had lost both of its regular season meetings to the Raiders they were able to get out to a fast start and roll to a 60-35 win.

Point guard Dalee Stene led the way with nine points and Claire Howes and senior Peyton Bjorkman also added eight points. This win set up a semifinal date with the second seeded Mitchell Kernels who were led by Macy Miller in their opening round win over Roosevelt.

Frost Arena was packed with fans eager to see the rematch of the second seeded Kernels and the third seeded Knights after O'Gorman edged Mitchell 55-50 in their first meeting of the season. The Knights led 19-18 after one quarter but were having trouble containing Miller who had 12 points in the quarter. After shooting 48 percent from the field the Knights clung to a 32-31 lead at halftime, and the even pace continued as they led 42-41 after three. The fourth quarter proved to be a different story as the Kernels went on a 9-0 run and cruised to a 61-48 victory. Mitchell was led by Miller's 40 points, 12 rebounds and six seals and the Knights were now set to play Sturgis for third place.

The night after suffering a heartbreaking loss to Mitchell the Knights rebounded against the Sturgis Scoopers in a 63-47



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Junior Dalee Stene dribbles the ball up the court in a second round game against the Mitchell Kernels. Stene averaged 10.7 PPG in the tournament on her way to earning the all-tournament team honors.

win. Mieras and Howes led the way with 14 points and Mieras also added ten rebounds as the Knights took third place.

"We fought hard all season so I'm glad we could send these se-

niors out with a win," said Stene. The Knights will be returning Stene and Mieras to lead the way next season after losing three senior starters.

## Hopes high as tennis set for run to state title

Myla Brown  
Activities Editor

As spring is drawing near, boys tennis is gearing up for a new season. They only have one senior this year, Tommy Entwistle, who was the 2013 state singles champion.

"The team typically does not have team captains, but Tommy is definitely our team leader this year," said Coach Don Barnes.

The tennis team's toughest competition will come from Sioux Falls Lincoln, Mitchell, Rapid City Stevens, Sioux Falls Washington and Sioux Falls Roosevelt. State will be in Rapid City this year.

"We have a young team this year, but we are hoping to get better throughout the season," said Entwistle.

The assistant coach will be Kate Barnes and junior Morgan Brower will be student manager/student coach.

The team's record was 20-0 last season and they were champions of the Greater Dakota Conference, Rapid City Invite and took third place in the state tournament.

The year before the team took second and before that they took first place three years in a row. In the last 11 years the boy's team has won five state titles.

The team is going to be young but with excellent new talent. Other top returnees are junior Jeremy Bird and sophomores Sam Heckmann, Austin Bauer, Jake Moran and Nick Moran.

"Basketball players Tanner Schulte and Braxton Elliott will be new additions so that will add an interesting dynamic to the team this year," said Barnes. Overall this year there will be approximately 20 boys out for the team.

"Everyone is looking to improve individually so they can do well at state this year," said Entwistle. "I hope I can be a good mentor and a strong leader for this group."

The team started practice March 17. The Knights begin the season at Washington on April 8 and the state tournament will be held starting on May 22 in Rapid City, S.D.